IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF ALABAMA NORTHERN DIVISION

NORRIS W. GREEN,)	
Plaintiff,)	
V.)	CASE NO. 2:18-cv-719-GMB
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STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL)	
EXAMINERS, et al.,)	
)	
Defendants.)	

ORDER

Pending before the court are Defendants' Motions For A More Definite Statement. Docs. 55 & 56. It is ORDERED that on or before **November 9, 2018**, Plaintiff shall file a response to the motions (Docs. 55 & 56), and Defendants may file a reply on or before **November 16, 2018**.

Previously, the parties were notified of the assignment of this case to a Magistrate Judge and the right to request reassignment to a District Judge. Without the consent of the parties, the Magistrate Judge cannot take dispositive action in this case. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 636(c). As explained in the attached Explanation of Assignment to United States Magistrate Judge, the parties have the right to consent to or to decline to consent to a Magistrate Judge's jurisdiction without adverse consequences. Accordingly, counsel for the parties are DIRECTED to complete and to send to the Clerk of Court the appropriate attached form so that the form is received by the Clerk of Court on or before **November** 16, 2018.

CONSENT FORMS MAY NOW BE SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY TO

THE CLERK OF THE COURT. If a party elects to complete the consent form, counsel

may log into the Case Management/Electronic Case File (CM/ECF) system, select the

Magistrate Judge Consent Form event, and electronically prepare and submit the form. In

the alternative, counsel may complete the attached consent form and mail it to the Clerk of

the Court. Do NOT electronically file the consent form into the record. If you have any

questions about electronic consent submission, please contact the Clerk's Office.

If a party elects to complete the form requesting reassignment to a district judge,

counsel must complete the attached form and mail it to the Clerk's Office. There is no

option to log into CM/ECF and electronically submit the reassignment form. Do NOT

electronically file the reassignment form into the record.

DONE this 26th day of October, 2018.

GRAY M. BORDEN

UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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CONSENT TO JURISDICTI	ON BY A UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
including trial, and ordering the Date	conducting any and all further proceedings in the case, entry of a final judgment. Signature
	Counsel For (print name of all parties)
	Address, City, State Zip Code
	Telephone Number

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Magistrate Judge and hereby de jurisdiction in this case. The	has read the Notice of Assignment To United States eclines to consent to the Magistrate Judge's exercise of civil undersigned party requests reassignment of this case to a The party understands that this request may not be
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EXPLANATION OF ASSIGNMENT TO UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

This civil case has been randomly assigned to a United States Magistrate Judge of the court. In accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 636(c), the Magistrate Judges of the court are designated to conduct any and all proceedings in a jury or non-jury civil case and order the entry of final judgment upon the consent of all parties to a case. Any appeal from a judgment entered by a Magistrate Judge is taken directly to the United States Court of Appeal for the Eleventh Circuit in the same manner as any appeal from any judgment entered in this court.

There are advantages to consenting to a Magistrate Judge. The principal one is that the Magistrate Judges have fewer civil case assignments than do the District Judges and may therefore be able to place you on a less crowded term or otherwise resolve your case more quickly. As you know, the Middle District is in a judicial emergency with only one active District Judge for a three-judge court. The district court docket is very congested, and visiting District Judges from other locations throughout the country are being assigned to preside in some cases in which the parties do not consent. The parties are therefore encouraged to consider consenting to a local Magistrate Judge as an alternative in order to move cases along while judicial resources are very limited. All of our Magistrate Judges have substantial experience in managing and trying civil cases; they are extremely competent and knowledgeable in the law and relevant civil procedures.

As a party to this lawsuit, you have the right to consent or to decline to consent to the jurisdiction of a Magistrate Judge. Litigants, without concern for any adverse consequences, freely may decline to consent to the jurisdiction of a Magistrate Judge. If you decline to consent to a Magistrate Judge, this case will be reassigned randomly to a District Judge.